

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN the Application of: )  
Ellen Chien *et al.* ) Group Art Unit: 1656  
Serial No.: 10/646,470 ) Examiner: Nashed, Nashaat T  
Filed: August 22, 2003 )  
For: Crystallization of Cathepsin S )  
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed February 6, 2006. Reconsideration of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin at page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin at page 6.

**Amendments to the Drawing** begin at page 8.

**Remarks / Arguments** begin at page 9.